



# La Roux Costume

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## TOOLS:

- [Cutting mat \(1\)](#)
- [Iron \(1\)](#)
- [Ironing board \(1\)](#)
- [Laser cutter \(1\)](#)
- [Needle and thread \(1\)](#)
- [Rotary cutter \(1\)](#)
- [Ruler \(1\)](#)
- [Scissors \(1\)](#)
- [Seam ripper \(1\)](#)
- [Sewing machine \(1\)](#)



## PARTS:

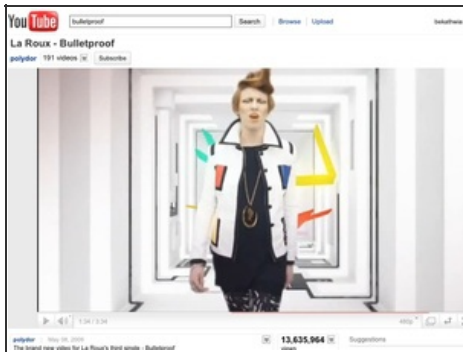
- [White blazer or jacket \(1\)](#)
- [Fabric \(1\)](#)
- [Sewing thread \(1\)](#)
- [1 8" acrylic \(1\)](#)
- [White sneakers \(1\)](#)
- [Black dress or tank top \(1\)](#)
- [Leggings \(1\)](#)

## SUMMARY

Last year on the MAKE YouTube channel, commenters started saying I looked like the singer from the English synth-pop duo La Roux. Here's how to get the Mondrian jacket look from the video for their song [Bulletproof](#). You can also make your own "neo cameo" necklace with a laser cutter and [these files on Thingiverse](#).

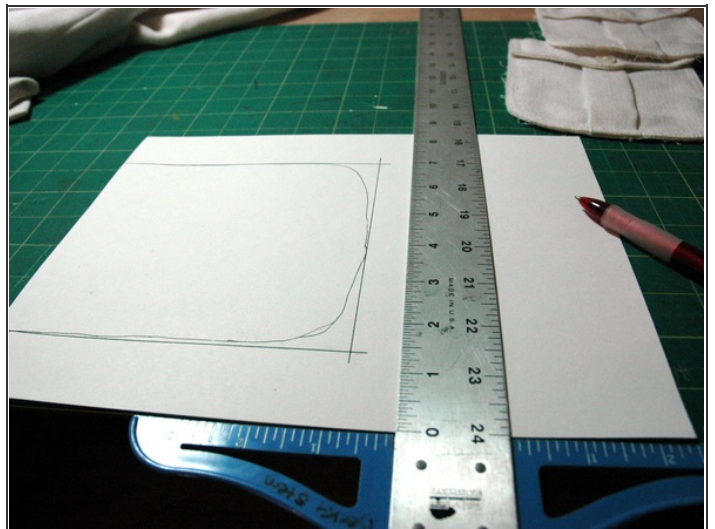
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## Step 1 — La Roux Costume



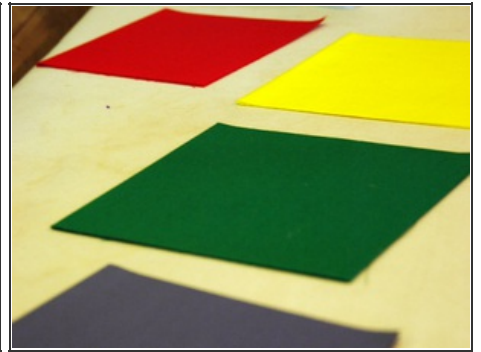
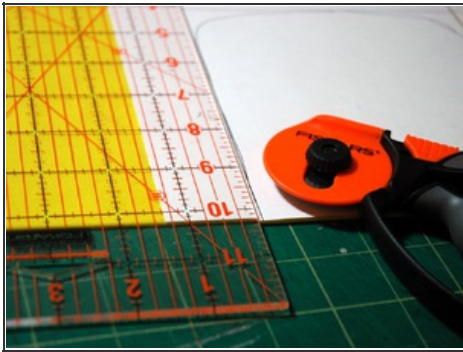
- Find a plain white blazer or jacket to start. Try thrift stores or Etsy vintage.
- Remove pockets (if it has any) from the jacket with a seam ripper.

## Step 2



- Create a pattern from one of the pockets by tracing it onto paper.
- Use a ruler to "square off" the corners.

### Step 3



- Cut pockets from a thick folded layer of each colored fabric.
- Make sure the fold is at the top edge of the pocket.
- The yellow and green pockets are rectangular, so I squared up my pattern before cutting the square red and blue ones.



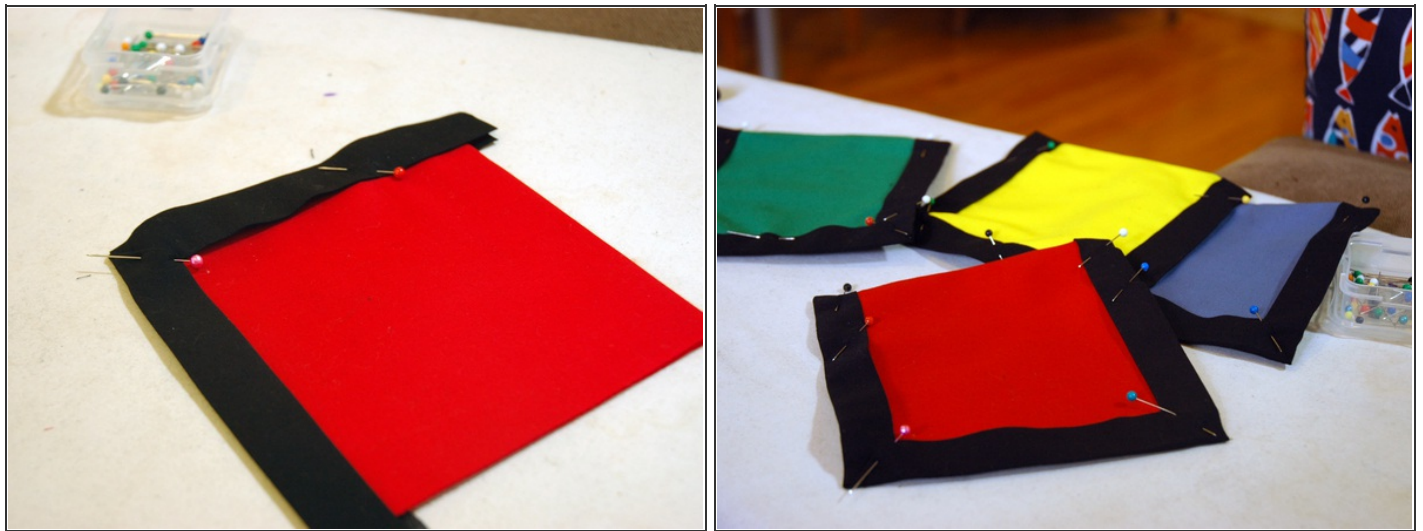
### Step 4



- Cut and iron a ton of 3/4" wide black binding. If I had to do it over, I'd probably order some black bias tape.

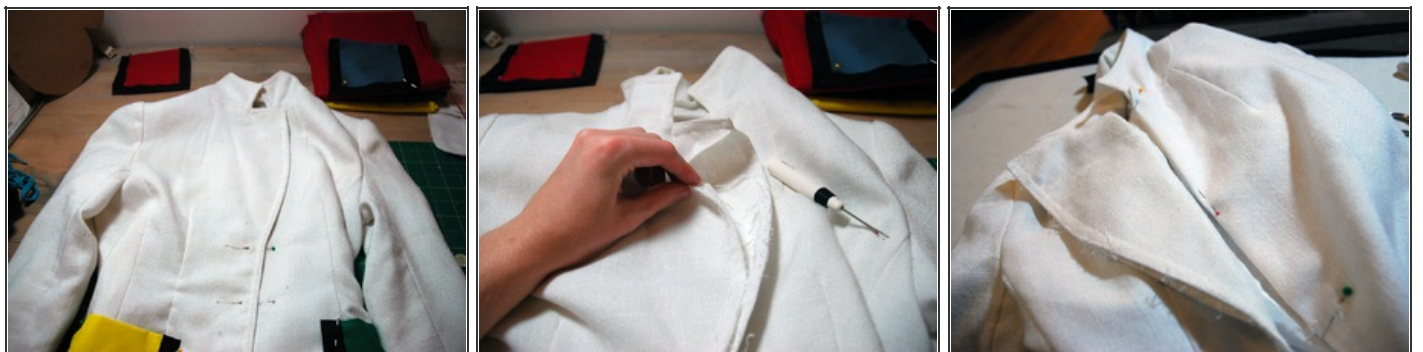


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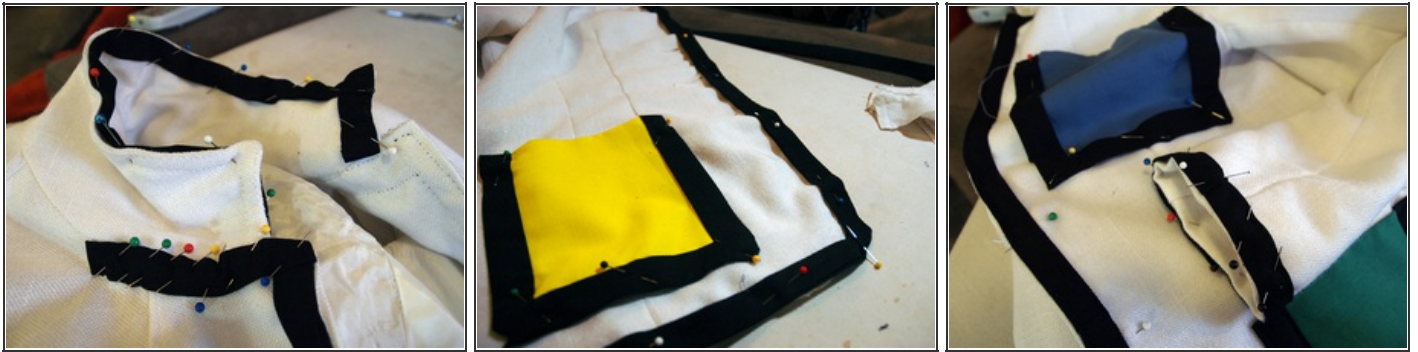
- Pin binding around 3 raw sides of pockets, leaving the layered fold at the top.

## Step 6



- Straighten the front flaps of the jacket by opening up the seam with a seam ripper.
- Cut off the excess fabric and use an iron to press in a new, straighter flap. Sew with white thread.

## Step 7



- Pin and sew binding to jacket around the front edges, inside of collar, and cuffs.
- Because the bottom front corners of my jacket weren't square, I fudged it by extending the binding out past the edge.

## Step 8



- Pin and sew on pockets!
- There's a bit of binding detailing over the shoulders and on the sides as well.

## Step 9



- Sew on five black buttons. Don't worry about buttonholes, you'll wear the jacket open!

## Step 10



- Grab the "neo cameo" necklace laser cutter files on Thingiverse:  
<http://www.thingiverse.com/thing:4436>
- Hang acrylic pieces from a long chain.



## Step 11



- Pair with a long black tank top or short dress and some leggings.
- Plain white or striped sneakers complete the look.
- Don't forget the signature hair and Bowie eye makeup!
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